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True Copy  
OF A  
PROJECT  
FOR THE  
REUNION  
OF  
Both Religions  
IN  
FRANCE.

WE whose Names are here underwritten Ministers of the Reform'd Religion; being desirous to carry our obedience to his Majesties Commands as far as the great interest of our Consciences will give us leave; and hoping, from the great goodness of his Majesty, that in consideration of this our compliance, and the steps we make towards the Religion he professes, he will be pleas'd to command the persecution that we are under to cease; do promise to contribute, what lies in our power, to the Religious design which he has of uniting all his Subjects under one Ministry, and do resolve to reunite our selves to the Gallican Church, which in its Pastoral Letter does likewise say that they will yield some of their right in favour of the publick Peace, and will rectifie those things that want redress, provided the wound of Schism be once heal'd. We do likewise on our side engage our selves, that if the following Articles are *bona fide* granted to us, we will with all our hearts give his Majesty that satisfaction which he desires.

I.

That there shall be no Obligation upon any body to believe Purgatory, that all Disputes on this Article shall cease; e-

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very one speaking with great moderation of the state of Souls after this life.

II.

That the Pictures of the Holy Trinity shall be taken out of the Churches; and those which shall be left shall be only as Ornaments, &c. That the Pastours shall carefully instruct the people to avoid upon this point the abuses which are but too common among the ignorant.

III.

That such Relicks of Saints as shall be undoubtedly own'd to be true, shall be preserv'd with respect, but shall not make any essential part of the cult of Religion, and that none shall be bound to Worship them.

IV.

That it shall be taught that God alone is the true Object of our Adoration, and that the people shall be warn'd not to attribute to any Creature, though never so eminent, that which is peculiar and proper to God: But nevertheless since the Saints in Heaven do concern themselves in our miseries, we may pray to God to grant that to the Prayers of the Church triumphant, which the indifference and coldness of Ours cannot obtain from him.

V.

That amongst the Sacraments of the Christian Religion Baptism and the Eucharist shall be reputed the chiefest, and that the others shall have the Name of Sacraments in a more large Sense only.

VI.

That touching the necessity of Baptism the Canon of the Council of Trent shall be the Rule, and it shall not be intended to any other than the natural sense of these words. *Siquis dixerit Baptismum liberorum ad salutem non esse necessarium anathema sit.* And therefore there shall be no modification to the tenth Canon of the preceding Chapter; which declares, that it is not lawful for all persons to administer the Sacraments, that power belonging only to the Ministers of the Gospel who have receiv'd it from Jesus Christ.

VII.

That Jesus Christ is really present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, though the manner of his presence be incomprehensible to the Wit of man, and therefore none shall be oblig'd to define the manner of his presence, neither shall there be any dispute about it, since it passes our understanding, and that God has not reveal'd it to us.

VIII. That

## VIII.

That in receiving the Sacrament One shall be in a posture of adoration, the Communicants at that time paying to Christ those supreme honours which are only due to God; but no more shall be exacted from any body for the species of the Bread and Wine, than that respect we pay to Sacred things.

## IX.

That none shall be oblig'd to kneel before the Host, except at the Communion.

## X.

That the people shall have the Liberty of reading the Scripture, which shall be read publickly in the Churches, and that the Service shall be perform'd in the vulgar Tongue: That the Cup shall be given to the people, and that no other Sacrifice shall be own'd, but that upon the Cross, that it shall be taught that Christians have but one victim which was sacrificed once for all, and that the Eucharist is only a Sacrifice of commemoration or the representation, which the true Christian makes to God of the Sacrifice of the Cross.

## XI.

That before we be oblig'd to receive Auricular confession, all abuses proceeding from it shall be redress'd, and those necessary modifications added, which may contribute to the quiet of our Consciences.

## XII.

That all Fastings and other Mortifications shall be look'd upon only as helps to Piety, and to preserve us in a state of Grace: That all the Orders of Religious men or Women shall be reform'd, particularly the Mendicants: And those only shall be preserv'd that are most Antient, such as the Benedictines, together with the Jesuits and Fathers of the Oratory, all which shall be subject to the inspection and authority of the Bishops alone.

## XIII.

That the Ministers shall be preserv'd in the state Ecclesiastick, and shall have in the Church a particular Rank; Except only those who have been twice married, who shall be consider'd some other way.

## XIV.

That Jesus Christ having bestowed on his Ministers the power of administering the Sacraments *gratis*, and that they shall likewise dispense them *gratis*, and without selling them as is now practis'd.

## XV. That



That the people shall be dispens'd from that great number of Holy dayes, which now do burthen them, and shall be oblig'd to celebrate only the Mysteries of the Nativity and Resurrection; with those of the Apostles and Saints of the first Century.

## XVI.

That the limits which the last Assembly of the Clergy of France have set to the Popes authority shall be inviolable, and that as to the Rank he is to have amongst the Bishops, he be look'd upon only, as *Primus inter pares*.

## XVII.

That those Observations, and Ceremonies, which are beneath the Majesty of the Christian Religion, and of which there is no foot-steps in Antiquity, shall be abolish'd; such as Torches at Burials, Canonisations, Processions, Pilgrimages, and the postures of the Priests at the Altar.

## XVIII.

That upon all questions of the merit of good Works, and the power of Grace, the opinion of St. *Austin* shall be followed, and the exposition of the Bishop of *Meaux*.

## XIX.

That the gaining of Pardons and Indulgences shall be reform'd, and that the people shall be instructed as much as possible, that they are to hope for the remission of their sins by the blood of Jesus Christ.

May the Lord send down his Spirit upon men, that they be all one heart, and one Soul, and that we may in our days see this blessed Reunion. It is the Vows and Prayers of all good people of both Communions, and to which all ought to contribute according to their talent both by word and writing. *Amen fiat.*

Signed by

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L A C O S T E

And above sixty more.

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